



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting via webinar of its Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC), in conjunction with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee (LEC).

DATES: The webinar will convene on Tuesday, March 9, 2021; beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m., EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Please visit the Gulf Council website (www.gulfcouncil.org) for meeting materials and webinar registration information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items of discussion are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order and any changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.

Joint Gulf Council's Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC) and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, March 9, 2021; beginning at 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., EST.

The joint meeting will begin in a **CLOSED SESSION** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with introductions, Enforcement of Recreational Red Snapper Case Handling, and review of nominations for the 2020 Officer/Team of the Year Award.

General session will begin with introductions and adoption of agenda, and approval of minutes from the Joint LEC/LETC Meeting on March 11, 2020.

The Gulf Council LETC will receive an update on the Southeast For-hire Electronic Reporting Program, review Cobia Management (Amendment 32), discuss Lane Snapper and changes to accountability measures, and illegal charters.

The GSMFC LEC will approve strategic and operations plans, review the IJF Program Activity for the status of the Red Drum Profile, and Commission Pubs.

The committee will present the State Report Highlights from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, USCG, NOAA OLE, and USFWS; and will discuss any Other Business items.

– Meeting Adjourns

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org.

The Law Enforcement Technical Committee consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf States, as well as the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Law Enforcement.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this

meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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